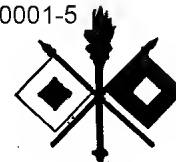


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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--17 APRIL 1963

1. CUBA-USSR:

A. [REDACTED] CUBAN PILOTS WITH
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN FLYING MIG-15 AND MIG-17 FIGHTERS
WERE TO BEGIN A FOUR-MONTH TRAINING COURSE FOR MIG-21 PILOTS

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[REDACTED]

B. FOUR MONTHS' TRAINING WOULD GIVE THEM LIMITED COM-
BAT EFFECTIVENESS.

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F. & G. PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] HAS REVEALED NO SIGNIFI- 50X1
CANT CHANGES AT THE SOVIET ENCAMPMENTS.

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3. LAOS:

A. BOTH SIDES ARE MAKING CHARGES OF TRUCE VIOLATIONS, BUT TROOP DISPOSITIONS APPEAR TO HAVE CHANGED ONLY SLIGHTLY.

B. NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE YET ON AN ICC PROPOSAL TO STATION TEAMS THROUGHOUT THE PLAINE DES JARRES. THE PATHET LAO HAVE AGREED TO "STUDY" IT.

C. MEANWHILE, PEIPING HAS CLAIMED THAT CONTINUED US "INTERVENTION" IN LAOS MAY BRING CIVIL WAR AND HAS CALLED FOR ACTION BY THE GENEVA CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMEN TO CHECK US "AGGRESSION."

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4. WEST GERMANY:

A. ADENAUER HAS AGAIN REFUSED TO NAME A SUCCESSOR UNTIL THIS FALL.

B. BRENTANO'S TRIP TO ITALY IN AN EFFORT TO GET THE CHANCELLOR TO NAME ERHARD WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

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5. PAKISTAN:

A. WE HAVE TWO REPORTS FROM KARACHI WHICH MAY FORESHADOW FUTURE DIFFICULTIES IN US-PAKISTANI RELATIONS.

B. ON 13 APRIL FINANCE MINISTER SHOAIB TOLD AMBASSADOR MCCONAUGHY THAT PROBLEMS OF "SERIOUS PROPORTIONS" WOULD DEVELOP IF THE WESTERN AID CONSORTIUM--AND PARTICULARLY THE US--WAS NOT MORE GENEROUS THAN INDICATED BY THE PRELIMINARY MEETING IN PARIS. SHOAIB MAINTAINED THAT PAKISTAN NEEDS MORE THAN THE \$400 MILLION TENTATIVELY PROJECTED FOR NEXT YEAR AND THAT THE US ALONE MUST PUT UP MORE THAN \$250 MILLION.

C. THE NEXT DAY FOREIGN MINISTER BHUTTO, IN RAPID SUCCESSION, CALLED IN THE SOVIET, YUGOSLAV, AND CHINESE COMMUNIST AMBASSADORS. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON WHAT TOOK PLACE AT THESE INTERVIEWS, BUT CANNOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PAKISTANIS ARE SOUNDING OUT COMMUNIST BLOC AID POSSIBILITIES.

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6. ARAB STATES:

A. THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO TODAY GIVES ONLY THE GENERAL OUTLINES FOR THE NEW UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC.

B. THERE REMAINS A LOT OF HARD BARGAINING BEFORE THE NEW CONSTITUTION CAN BE HAMMERED OUT AND AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON THE DETAILS BOTH FOR MERGING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE THREE COUNTRIES AND UNITING THEIR FOREIGN POLICIES.

C. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THESE NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE CONCLUDED IN TIME FOR THE SCHEDULED 17 SEPTEMBER PLEBISCITE ON THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND THE NAMING OF A PRESIDENT.

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E. YEMENI PRESIDENT SALLAL YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO GET ON THE BANDWAGON

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7. NOTES:

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B. BOLIVIA: EXTREMIST FOLLOWERS OF VICE PRESIDENT LECHIN ARE PLANNING A COUP AGAINST PRESIDENT

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PAZ ESTENSSORO IN MAY. [REDACTED]

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C. CUBA-SPAIN: THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE SPANISH FIRM (SACA) AND CUBA FOR AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING 500 TRACTORS, APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN BROKEN OFF. INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER OF CHICAGO INFORMED THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT OF THE CANCELLATION. OUR EMBASSY IN MADRID HAS BEEN ASKED TO CONFIRM.

D. JORDAN-UAR: JORDAN IS STILL TRYING TO PATCH UP RELATIONS WITH NASIR. JORDANIAN UN REPRESENTATIVE RIFAI, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM AMMAN, HAS PROPOSED A RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS TO EGYPT'S UN DELEGATE AND INTENDS TO FOLLOW UP WITH A TRIP TO CAIRO FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

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